



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: September 27, 2013

Meeting Location: Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Sarah Sailors, Director Carroll County DCS; Jennifer Johnson, Foster Care Specialist Supervisor; and Laura Zimmerman, Director Benton County DCS. Judge Rader, Warren County (by telephone); Judge Faith Graham, Tippecanoe County; and Karen Hayden, Director White County DCS

Council Members Absent: Judge Rader, Warren County; Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County.

Others In Attendance: Lois Logan-Beard; Sandy Lock, Director Clinton County DCS; Sonya Janssen-Luper, Director Fountain/Warren County DCS; Cassie Leak, Bauer Family Resources; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Hong-Phuc Nguyen; Luann Horton and Morgan Gilbert, Wabash Valley Alliance

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

1. Community Partners

Children's Bureau received 130 referrals from July 1 thru September 26, 2013 with DCS and Self referrals having the highest numbers. (report distributed to membership). A full quarterly report will be distributed at the November meeting.

Bauer has had 79 new referrals in the last month. The number served has doubled since 2012. (Report was distributed to membership)

Clinton County has been requesting more information on alcohol and drugs.

Bauer will be fully staffed Friday.

2. Wabash Valley Alliance

Morgan Gilbert and Luann Horton discussed the Child Mental Health Initiative for children with mental health issues that show no signs of abuse or neglect. There will be a centralized phone number (An outline of the CMHI was distributed to membership.) Luann and Morgan will be invited to the November RSC meeting to provide further information.

3. Community Partners Prevention Money Request – Clinton County

Sandy Lock requested \$4560 to partner with law enforcement to provide a babysitter training program for 12-15 year olds. This would empower them with knowledge to carry on into adulthood. It would teach them what to look for and when/how to report situations. They would learn CPR. This would be two hours on Wednesdays with a variety of trainers (fire department, Red Cross, etc). The funds would purchase first aid kits for each child, training materials and refreshments.

- ✓ The request for \$4560 to partner with LEA for a babysitter training program in Clinton County passed unanimously.

4. Community Partners Prevention Money Request – Fountain/Warren Counties

Sonya Janssen-Luper requested \$9000 for the following to support the parks programs in her counties:

- \$4500 to the Williamsport/Warren Parks Program
- \$1500 to the Covington Parks Program
- \$1500 to the Veedersburg Parks Program
- \$1500 to the Attica Parks Program

These would provide structured activities and supervision for all school aged children through Fountain/Warren Counties. It is open to all children and there are supportive services during the program and transportation provided through LMCH for children receiving mental health services through them.

- ✓ The request for \$9000 for the Fountain/Warren Parks Programs passed unanimously.

Sonya also requested \$7000 for Wabash Valley Alliance's Domestic Violence Program to provide services within the schools. Primary Prevention efforts would go into the Jr/Sr High schools with the Expect Respect program and the Safe Date curriculum. New this year would be the addition of a male group to help males become educated and understand their roles within relationships as well.

Both of these programs are evidence based and acknowledged as model programs by the National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices as well as endorsed by the Indiana Department of Education. This curriculum is already being used by Wabash Valley Alliance.

- ✓ Sonya's request for \$7000 for Wabash Valley's Domestic Violence Program passed unanimously.

- 5. Fatherhood Service Standard** – The fatherhood service standard has been reposted mid contract. We are now able to have multiple service providers
Children's Advocacy Center – This was posted 9/16 with an 11/1 closing date. This service standard would provide forensic interviewing, a need in Region 5. This has also been posted mid contract.

- 6. Biennial Plan**

The community survey has been sent out. A public meeting will be scheduled in November. There will probably be a RSC meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Next meeting is November 22, 2013 @ 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Smith Grossman, MSW, LSW
Regional Manager, Region 5